

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2009

The following is a summary of the February 3, 2009 Meeting:

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Gerald Kendrick, Joseph Buchanan, Arvil McConnell, Jr. and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, and Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman**
- III. Motions made and seconded to accept February 3, 2009 meeting agenda and approve January 6, 2009 meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.**
- IV. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)**

Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.

V. Open Agenda

Chairman Linkous discussed the receipt of \$650,000 in grant funds by the Office of the Attorney General in Richmond through the civil settlement with Purdue Pharma L.P. regarding the promotion and marketing of the opioid pain medication OxyContin. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy received \$150,000 of the grant funds for use of treatment and rehabilitation of miners who have failed screening for prescription drugs or who voluntarily admitted to a prescription drug problem and entered into treatment or rehabilitation agreements with the Board of Coal Mining Examiners. The Department will work with the other grant recipients, the Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition for Prevention and Treatment and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to coordinate their efforts in order to maximize use of funds and avoid duplication of efforts.

VI. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be March 3, 2009.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.